



## Norse get even with odd-year jinx, win '09 GLVC title



NKU officially ended any odd-year jinx Sunday by winning the 2009 GLVC Tournament championship with a 5-3 victory against Indianapolis. The Norse have won GLVC Tournament titles in 2002, '04, '06, '08 and '09 under head coach Todd Asalon (pictured standing on the far left).

## NKU repeats as GLVC champion by defeating Indianapolis, 5-3

SAUGET, Ill. - Timely hitting and clutch pitching helped Northern Kentucky University repeat as Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament baseball champions Sunday afternoon.

Kevin Dusold's two-run single in the top of the ninth inning snapped a 3-all tie and lifted NKU to a 5-3 victory against Indianapolis in the GLVC championship game.



NKU seniors hoist the 2009 GLVC championship trophy.

advanced Cisper to third.

Evan McDole then grounded back to the mound, and Cisper had to hold at third with Muth advancing to sec-

The Norse (40-20) earned the GLVC's automatic berth to the NCAA Division II Tournament with the title.

NKU also erased its odd-year jinx in the GLVC Tournament with the win. The Norse had captured GLVC Tournament championships in 2002, '04, '06 and '08, only to be denied repeat titles in the following odd years.

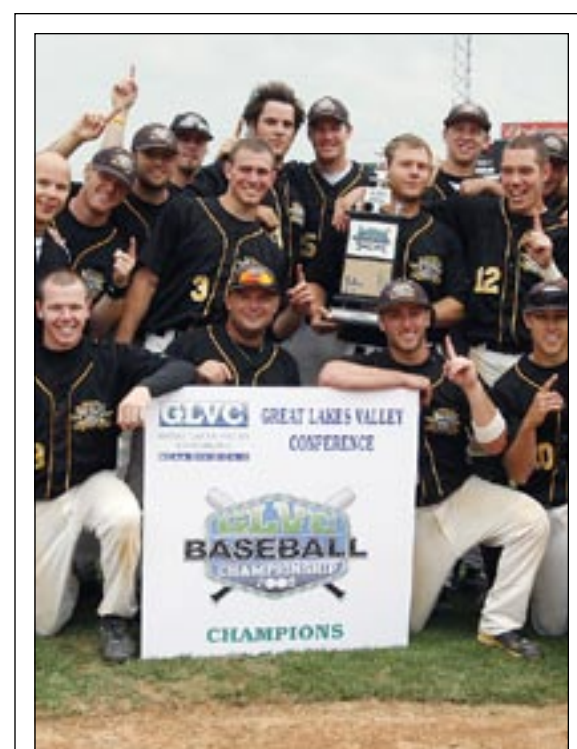
Tied at 3-all going into the ninth inning, NKU's Jason Cisper led off with a double down the left-field line. Pat Muth, attempting to sacrifice, followed with a bunt single that

ond base. That brought up Dusold, who lined a single to left field that drove in both Cisper and Muth to give NKU a 5-3 lead.

NKU closer Matt Winterhalter took over in the bottom of the ninth and struck out two Indianapolis batters after allowing a lead-off single. Winterhalter then induced Adam Akin to ground out to second base for the final out.

Cisper was 4-for-5 and scored a pair of runs for NKU, while Dusold went 2-for-5 with three runs batted in. Kevin Jordan picked up the win in relief by allowing just one hit in 3 1/3 innings on the mound.

NKU will meet Southern Indiana in the first round of the Midwest Regional at Chillicothe, Ohio, on Thursday.



NKU players celebrate after repeating as GLVC Tournament champions.

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